

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

MACR 15518

1. ORGANIZATION: Location: _____; Command or Air Force: 8th AF;
Group: 306th Bomb.Gp. (H) ; Squadron: 368th Bomb.Sq.(H) ;
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure _____; Course: _____;
Intended Destination: BREMEN, Germany ; Type of Mission: Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
4. GIVE: (a) Date: 17 April 1943 ; Time: _____; and Location of last known whereabouts of missing Aircraft: At sea (North of Bremen Germany)
(b) Specify whether () Last sighted; () Last contacted by radio () forced down; () Seen to crash, or () Information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF (Check only one: () Enemy Aircraft, () Enemy Anti-Aircraft, () Other Circumstances as follows: _____)
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series: B-17 F ; AAF Serial No. 42-5251
7. ENGINES : Type, Model and Series _____; AAF Serial No. (a) _____
(b) _____ (c) _____ (e) _____
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
(e) _____ (o) _____ (g) _____ (h) _____
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (A) Battle Casualty _____
or (b) Non Battle Casualty _____
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew _____; Passengers: _____; Total _____
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form)

CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (LAST NAME FIRST)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	STATUS
1. Pilot	SMILEY, Walter N.	Captain	0-437907	DED
2. Co-Pilot	EVAN, Avery L.	2/Lt	0-728622	DED
3. Bombardier	BREUNIG, Wilbur W.	1/Lt <i>all</i>	0-726117	DED
4. Navigator	STRAUSS, Martin M.	1/Lt	0-727056	DED
5. Radio Operator	HEPLER, Donald B.	T/Sgt	13037870	DED
6. Engineer	CLIFTON, Raymond C.	T/Sgt	19053142	DED
7. Gunner	CLARK, Roderick C.	S/Sgt	19065103	DED
8. Gunner	PAYNE, William R.	S/Sgt	35258588	DED
9. Gunner	SLIFF, Lawrence J.	S/Sgt	6555974	DED
10. Gunner	STAIFF, Roy K.	S/Sgt	39181010	DED

The following information is taken from SR & D # 685:

The aircraft took part in a bombing mission to the Focke Wulf Plant at BREMEN, Germany, on 17 April 1943, at which time 10 aircraft were lost. This aircraft is believed to have turned back toward the enemy coast at 54 deg 10 min N - 06 deg 40 min E, and is believed to have crashed into the sea.